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From: sharon [sklinebkline@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2007 5:13 PM
To: Downey, Bill; Benson, Todd
Cc: SGRHovan@aol.com; Jim + Karen Yergin; DL-PLANNING COMMISSION; Andersen, Renee; Johnson, Kim
Subject: Re: follow-up to our letter re: counseling for convicted sexual offenders

Dear Mr. Downey and Mr. Benson, thank you for your efforts to propose revisions to amend the Fauquier County Zoning Ordinance regarding the issue of permitting psychological and behavioral therapy offices. We believe the amendment, as described in the December 19 agenda for the Planning Commission meeting (attached to Mr. Benson's email below), is a good start toward addressing counseling for convicted sexual offenders. However, we are concerned that it does not quite go far enough to ensure that counseling for convicted sexual offenders, as was recently conducted in New Baltimore, does not again occur and present a potential danger to citizens of Fauquier County. We believe this amendment can be strengthened by providing additional specificity that focuses on this particular type of counseling. As such, we offer the following suggestions for your consideration:

1. We are not opposed to counseling, including counseling for sexual offenders. Our main concern is the location, especially with respect to our most vulnerable residents of Fauquier County. What guidelines will zoning officials use when considering a special permit application for counseling of sexual offenders? For example, we believe there need to be criteria/restrictions to consider concerning the proximity of such counseling to:
 - a. Residential neighborhoods
 - b. Schools
 - c. Playgrounds
 - d. Shopping Malls
 - e. Other locations/situations that potentially pose undue accessibility or increased vulnerability to sexual offenders
2. Define the term "psychological and behavioral therapy" to ensure that there is no question down the road whether counseling for sexual offenders is included. This would hopefully preclude the need for future interpretation of what is intended to be covered by this term.

We look forward to hearing that the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors approve an amendment to the Fauquier County Zoning Ordinance that protects the citizens of Fauquier County from unnecessary contact to and association with convicted sexual offenders. Thanks again for your efforts to suitable address this matter.

Bill and Sharon Kline

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From: Benson, Todd
To: Downey, Bill ; sharon
Cc: Johnson, Kim ; Andersen, Renee ; DL-PLANNING COMMISSION
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2007 2:16 PM
Subject: RE: follow-up to our letter re: counseling for convicted sexual offenders

Mr. Kline;

Attached is the ordinance that the Planning Commission recommended to the Board of Supervisors. The

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Board will have a public hearing on February 11, 2007. As we discussed, if you or your colleagues have ways to improve the ordinance, get your proposals to me by the end of January and I can make sure that your comments are included in the report to the Board. Any questions, give me a call 347-8789.

Todd Benson

From: Downey, Bill
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 2:30 PM
To: 'sharon'
Cc: Benson, Todd; Johnson, Kim; Andersen, Renee; DL-PLANNING COMMISSION
Subject: RE: follow-up to our letter re: counseling for convicted sexual offenders

Sharon

The answer in summary is, the process was started in December to revise our local ordinance. By Code of Virginia, we must follow established due process and there will be two public hearings regarding the changes. First with the Planning Commission, and then the Board of Supervisors.

According to Kevin Burke the County Attorney, the zoning ordinance changes are drafted and have been sent to the Planning Commission. My understanding is that they will conduct their public hearing and act on the changes this month January 2007 and forward the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for public hearing and action in February.

Proposed changes to the language should be available on line once the Planning Commission agenda is published. I'm copying both Todd Benson (Deputy Zoning Administrator) and Kimberly Johnson (Zoning Administrator) with this e mail and requesting that you receive a response from either of them.

Thank you for all your effort and hard work involved with the petition. I know how much time and energy you put into the issue. Please feel free to provide me feedback regarding the language of the proposed changes. I'd like to hear your views.

Respectfully yours,

Bill Downey
 Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
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 347-8648

From: sharon [mailto:sklinebkline@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2006 9:08 AM
To: Downey, Bill
Subject: follow-up to our letter re: counseling for convicted sexual offenders

Dear Mr. Downey,

We are following up with you concerning our letter of December 4 in which we solicited your continued support and assistance to address, on both the local and state levels, the matter of where counseling sessions for convicted sexual offenders should be conducted. As you may recall, we also provided over 350 petition signatures as an attachment to our letter. Shortly after sending the letter/signatures to you, we received a voice mail message from a gentleman in the Zoning office. However, the message was garbled so we were not able to hear the gentleman's name. The only thing we could discern was that he was responding "in part" to our letter to you. We subsequently called the Zoning Office (using the caller ID No.) to follow-up with the caller. However, the Zoning Office staff were unsure who may have called us but said they would have Todd Benson get back to us. We have

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not received any further contact on this matter – from the Zoning Office, Board of Supervisors, etc. Would you please let us (and the 350+ petitioners) know what, if anything, is being done or planned to be done to address this issue of where this type of counseling is conducted? Thanks again for your assistance.

Bill and Sharon Kline

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